

REMARKS

Rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that the term "the knife edges" lacks positive antecedent basis.

Applicant has amended Claim 8 to add the appropriate antecedent basis. Therefore, the present claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

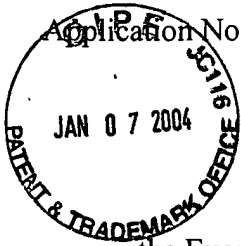
Rejection of Claims 1-23 under the Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-23 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-10, 15-18, 22, and 23 of U.S. Patent 6,139,793, issued to Vanderwal on October 31, 2000 in view of U.S. Patent 5,582,793, issued to Glazer *et al.* on December 10, 1996. The Examiner states that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other.

A Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) are being concurrently submitted with this Amendment, thereby obviating this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If



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the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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